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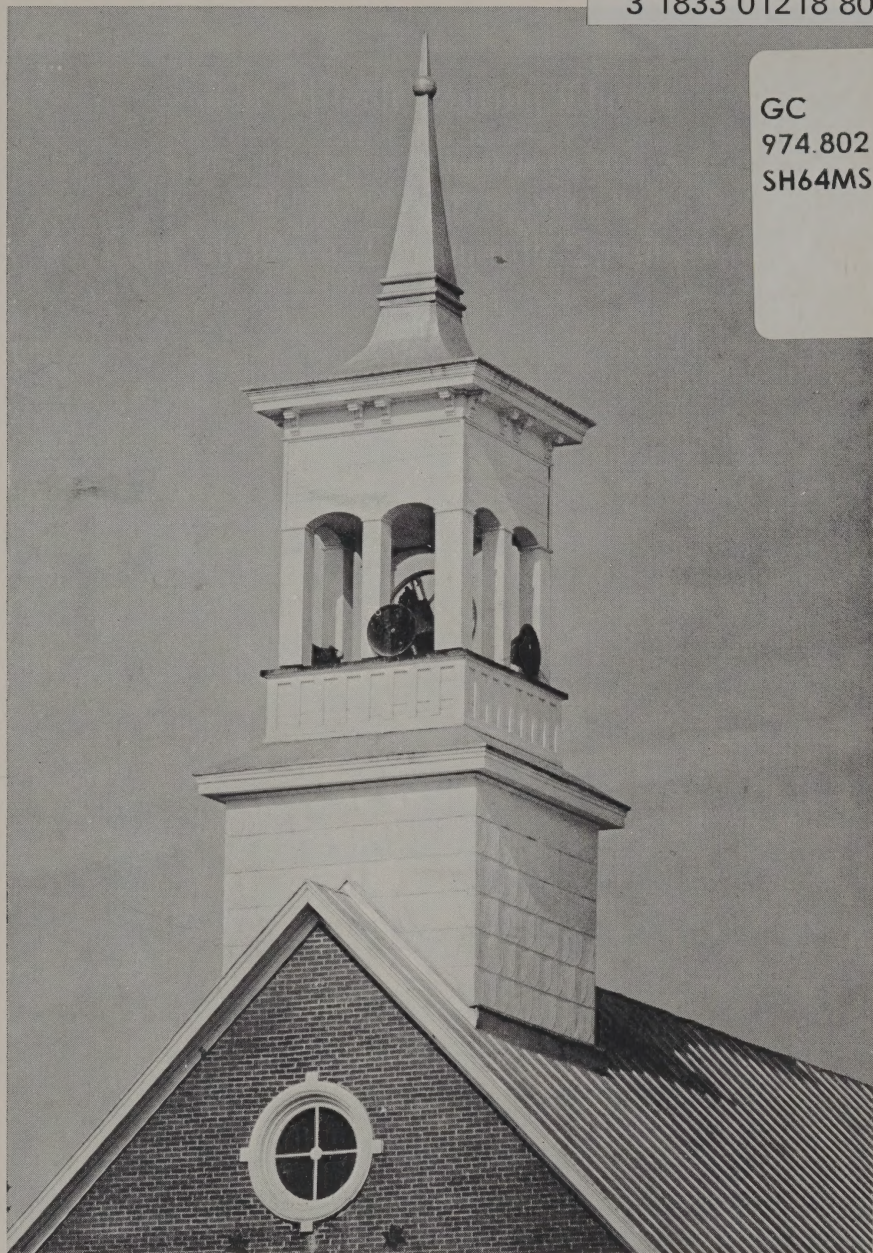


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## The Middle Spring Church

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United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

SHIPPENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

## Two Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary

1963

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Photography by Glenn W. Mellinger

This Brochure is intended as a keepsake in recognition of the 225th anniversary. It attempts to recount briefly some points of interest in the church's history; endeavors to record a glimpse of the congregation on the scene at the quarter century; aims to encourage support for the construction of greatly needed Christian education facilities.



## *A Year for Remembering*

Under the fallen leaves of two and a quarter centuries the poignant past lies in glory and tender sorrow, aching to be remembered.

From South mountain north to Blue mountain, the good soil of the broad Valley yields its harvest reluctantly. Year upon year the plowman's struggle with limestone rock and the elements gains an uncertain victory. In the end, the earth holds in her bosom the dust of the conqueror, and over it hovers the fascinating story of man's life from generation to generation.

The creek still flows at Middle Spring, in ceaseless continuity with the past. The headwaters of the future are already upstream. Present for a fluid instant, they will roll on to the ocean-bound Susquehanna. This is as it was when the Indian watered his pony, and refreshingly quenched his own thirst, from its cool shaded pools. Middle Spring creek, with every other such stream up and down the Valley, was a boon and a blessing to the pioneer settler. Today its flowing waters remain a symbol of the stream of life, renewed in each newborn child.

Ever symbols of immortality, the evergreen spruce and pine have grown tall in the fertile sod on unmarked graves in the lower churchyard at Middle Spring. There, in the early days, the arching branches of the forest formed the first temple of worship for the God-fearing Scotch-Irish who brought the Church to the valley in their hearts. Horseback through the woods they came, musket in hand, Bible in saddlebag, to kneel beside the spring-fed stream in prayer.

### BEFORE ALL ELSE

Before all else, they sought, upon their common labor, the blessings of Almighty God. Pioneers . . Patriots . . Builders . . their hope was in Him who is the first and the last, whose name is above every name, unto whom every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord to the glory of God, the Father.

The virgin timber gave up logs for building their Beth-el. Along with the cabins they erected here and across the valley, the early settlers built their first log church beside the stream at Middle Spring. It was symbolic of their staunch Calvinistic faith in the Sovereign God of their fathers. Before all else, "Let Us Worship God!" — they say, who being dead, yet speak.

### LEST WE FORGET

The call echoes and re-echoes from generation to generation. Upon the people of God at Middle Spring rests the glory and the burden of a notable history. Lest we forget, there is appointed at quarter century, a year for remembering.



# *Two Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary Year*

## **"Do This in Remembrance of Me"**

The Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred Sixty-three, in the work and worship of the Middle Spring Church, is begun with the celebration of Holy Communion on the first Sunday, January sixth.

At the anniversary memorial exercises in the churchyard on Wednesday evening, May twenty-second, representatives of the Veterans' Council of Shippensburg, members of the VFW - American Legion color guard and firing squad, the Auxiliary, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the Shippensburg Area Senior High School Band, and children of the church school participate in the program; graves of soldiers are decorated with flags and flowers; Ralph E. Heiges, Ph.D., LL.D., president of Shippensburg State College, speaks briefly on the subject: "What Do We Believe?" Dr. Heiges says, in conclusion: "Any institution that can withstand the changes of time, the vicissitudes of weather, politics and the schisms of belief for 225 years, certainly has a future. We, tonight, believe in the future of Middle Spring Presbyterian Church." In the quiet a threefold volley is fired as a salute to departed comrades, taps sound, in echo from the three cemeteries, and a benediction ends the impressive exercises on an inspiring note of holy solemnity.

"Courage in a Good Cause", the title of a sermon the Revolutionary pastor, Dr. Robert Cooper, preached to a battalion of the men of Middle Spring under arms, is the title of the sermon Henry A. Riddle, D.D., LL.D., president emeritus of Western Theological Seminary, preaches with vigor at the 225th anniversary memorial service of common worship on Sunday, May twenty-sixth. Appropriate to the space age in which we now live, Dr. Riddle refers to the prayer, composed in orbit recently, by Astronaut Gordon Cooper. Excerpts from the second inaugural address of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and greetings received from the moderator of the Synod of Pennsylvania, Ralph E. Kaufman, pastor of the Stewartstown church, are read. Paul A. W. Wallace, Ph.D., Lit.D., presents a letter received from Governor William M. Scranton, and, as chairman of the Committee on History, expresses the greetings of the Presbytery of Carlisle. David Rea Warner, son of the pastor and Mrs. Warner, is soloist. To the large congregation, which includes many visitors from the Shippensburg church and elsewhere, the service is a blessing and an inspiration.

October 13, 1738, is the date given in "The Centennial Memorial of the Presbytery of Carlisle" (pub. 1889) for the installation of Thomas Creaghead as pastor of the then Hopewell congregation. This congregation, even at that early date, had two houses of worship, and by 1742, or before, was known as Three Springs, or Big Spring, Middle Spring, and Rocky Spring Churches. This date in our 225th anniversary year marks the occasion, Sunday evening, October thirteenth, for the commemoration by Presbytery of the installation of our first pastor.

Beginning and ending all things in Christ, and in remembrance of Him, the Candlelight service of Christmas music, during the advent in December, concludes the observances of the anniversary year on a note of glorious expectation and fulfillment.

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GETTYSBURG  
PENNSYLVANIA

May 15, 1963

Excerpts from Second Inaugural Address, January 21, 1957

"Before all else, we seek, upon our common labor  
as a nation, the blessings of Almighty God. ...

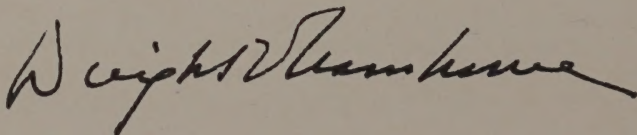
"May we pursue the right -- without self-righteousness.

"May we know unity -- without conformity.

"May we grow in strength -- without pride in self.

"May we, in our dealings with all peoples of the earth,  
ever speak truth and serve justice.

"And so shall America -- in the sight of all men of good  
will -- prove true to the honorable purposes that bind  
and rule us as a people in all this time of trial through  
which we pass."

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Dwight D. Eisenhower". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

The Middle Spring Church  
Shippensburg, Pennsylvania





COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
HARRISBURG

May 7, 1963

GREETINGS:

One of the stirring episodes in American history was the movement, over two centuries ago, of the Scotch-Irish across the Susquehanna River into what is now Cumberland County. Their advent marked the first step in the winning of the American West. A hardy population, they proved a wall of defense behind which Pennsylvania in its infancy was enabled to grow and mature.

We honor Middle Spring Church on its 225th Anniversary, first, for what it represented at the time of its founding -- a symbol of religion in the wilderness; and second, for what it has become -- a shrine whose monuments commemorate men who left this quiet spot to defend their country in battle.

Congratulations to this church, to the community it still serves with distinction, and to that great company of Americans all over the Nation whose ancestors lie buried in Middle Spring Church's Revolutionary War Cemetery.



*William W. Scranton*  
WILLIAM W. SCRANTON  
GOVERNOR

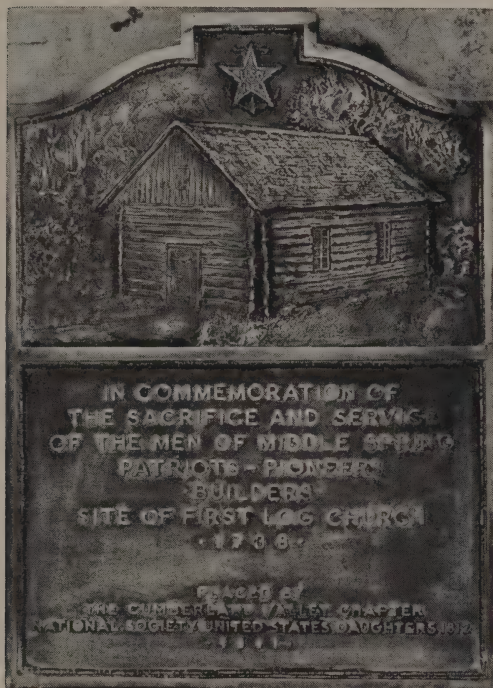
# *An Old Church in a Colonial Setting*

By EVA WYLIE POLK

Church Historian — 1944

(Among papers presented to the Daughters of 1812 and on file in the Pennsylvania room of the Shippensburg Public Library).

Over two hundred years ago, to the early Scotch-Irish settlers of the Cumberland Valley around Shippensburg, church meant a dangerous horseback ride through dense woods. As a protection against hostile Indians and wild beasts they carried muskets and worshipped in the woods which were God's first temples, at a centrally located spot for all settlers of the area, on Middle Spring creek, soon after to become the site of the village of Middle Spring.



Preaching services are recorded as early as 1736 and in 1738 the first church was built. The building was of logs, 35 feet square, earth floor, no heat, and slab benches. The pulpit stood high against the wall, with the precentors desk below. The church stood near the bank of the stream, about at the present entrance to the Revolutionary graveyard.

The site has been marked recently (1941) by the Cumberland Valley Chapter, Daughters of 1812, with a bronze tablet placed in the stone wall surrounding the yard and showing a sketch of the log building.

A second church, 48 feet by 48 feet, was built on the same site in 1765 and enlarged before the Revolution by additions on the side and a gallery reached by two flights of steps on the outside of the building. At the top of these stairs, Dr. Cooper, the Revolutionary pastor, stood when he called his congregation to arms. He, himself, went as Chaplain and joined Washington in the Jerseys. Middle Spring sent over 800 men into the Patriot army. So it is no wonder the old church and its four graveyards (Hanna's graveyard included —Ed.) are today a patriotic shrine, with monuments and tablets surrounding the church, commemorating their soldier members. Church and graveyard have inspired both poetry and prose.



The third building, an Old Stone church, was built in 1781. Its foundation stones are now the site of the Revolutionary monument and tablet beside the present church. It was 58 feet by 68 feet, with a gallery on three sides supported by pillars. It was built without a roof stool and, even though pillars were put inside against the walls for support, it was condemned and had to be taken down. Would that it were standing today! There were huge windows, the one at the end with 100 panes of glass, with paneled shutters half-way up, and on the panels were large brass knobs for the preacher's hat and gown. The high pulpit was goblet-shaped, with ten steps ascending to it, in front of the precentor's desk, a step above the floor. In front was a large chancel where the communion table was placed. On the minister's right were seats for the Session. Above the pulpit was a sounding board "surmounted by an acorn." (Preserved in the church museum). There were 46 pews and 30 in the galleries, all straight and high.

The present red brick church building (1847) stands on a knoll surrounded by a fine woods, at the side stands several monuments and a tablet to soldiers of the congregation, and an obelisk on which are inscribed the names and dates of most of the Middle Spring pastors, unique among memorials.

During the more than two centuries ten men have served in the pulpit of Middle Spring Presbyterian Church. Thomas Creaghead came as the first minister in 1737. John Blair followed but was forced to leave in 1757 due to Indian troubles. Then Dr. Robert Cooper served thirty-one years including the stirring days of the Revolutionary, when he served in Washington's army. John Moodey followed with the longest ministry in the Church's history, fifty-one years, — years that marked the War of 1812, the first westward expansion, finally the California gold rush. Isaac Newton Hays, fourteen years; David K Richardson, one and one-half years. And Samuel Sanderson Wylie, my father, a soldier in the Civil War, and this his only pastorate, forty-two and one half years, the second longest in this church's history. James B. Crawford, ten years; Thomas McKean Polk, my husband, ten years. Today (1944) the Rev. Rea A. Warner heads Middle Spring's honored list.

This old shrine is symbolic of its pioneer members. One of their first acts was to carve its place in the world from the forest they had come to settle.

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With the passing of Eva Wylie Polk from the familiar scene which was always home to her, a treasure of historic lore was lost to Middle Spring. She was a fascinating story-teller, with a wealth of yarns and many facts of historic import, and there is no one among us to take her place. Even her notes and papers seem to have slipped away, and the most that remains of her history of the church, presented at the bi-centennial in 1938, is the above paper (kindly made available by Shippensburg Public Library).

# Twelve Pastors in 225 Years

(Thirteen Pastorates)

THOMAS CREAGHEAD	-	-	-	1738-1739
JOHN BLAIR, D.D.	-	-	-	1742-1755
ROBERT COOPER, D.D.	-	-	-	1765-1797
JOHN MOODEY, D.D.	-	-	-	1803-1854
ISAAC NEWTON HAYS, D.D.	-	-	-	1854-1868
DAVID K. RICHARDSON	-	-	-	1870-1871
SAMUEL SANDERSON WYLIE, Ph.D.	-	-	-	1872-1913
Pastor Emeritus	-	-	-	1913-1930
JAMES B. CRAWFORD	-	-	-	1915-1925
THOMAS McKEAN POLK	-	-	-	1926-1936
Pastor Emeritus	-	-	-	1936-1939
REA ANDREW WARNER	-	-	-	1936-1945
WARREN SCOTT REEVE	-	-	-	1947-1955
HAROLD R. ROCKEY	-	-	-	1956-1959
REA ANDREW WARNER (Second Pastorate)				1960—



MONUMENT TO PASTORS  
Buried in  
MIDDLE SPRING CEMETERIES

146 years of Middle Spring history are represented on this monument. Three pastorates alone cover 126 years.

Lower Graveyard  
ROBERT COOPER, D.D.

Upper Graveyard  
JOHN MOODEY, D.D.

Present Graveyard  
SAMUEL S. WYLIE, Ph.D.  
JAMES B. CRAWFORD  
THOMAS McKEAN POLK

## Men of Middle Spring

"... The men of Middle Spring form a galaxy of daring conquerors of the wilderness, bold Indian fighters, patriotic sires of the Revolution, early leaders in the statemenship of the State and Nation, scholars eminent in science and literature, lawyers, divines, physicians, sturdy farmers and mechanics, the brain and brawn of American citizenship, that few communities can equal and none can surpass."

—George O. Seilhamer, Esq., Kittochtinny Historical Society, Vol. 3.



## Monuments to Heroic Dead

The handsome soldier monument, erected by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Legislature's appropriation of \$4,000, to commemorate the many brave men who went to the defense of their country from Middle Spring and vicinity, and who fell in the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Mexican War, was unveiled and dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on Thursday, June 1, 1905.

"The honor is claimed for which this monument is to be a perpetual reminder," wrote the Rev. Dr. S. S. Wylie, pastor, who presided, "that more men went to the defense of their country in the Colonial wars and the Revolution from Middle Spring than from any other area in the Cumberland Valley."

The monument is a massive structure 23 ft. high, of Barre, Woodstock and Gettysburg granites, surmounted by a life size statue of a Revolutionary soldier at parade rest, the bust of which is that of Lt. William Maclay, first U. S. senator from Penna.

The unveiling was performed by Misses Mary Maclay and Eva M. Wylie of Middle Spring, and Messrs. David C. Maclay and John N. Pomeroy of Chambersburg.

A salute of three guns was fired by the Soldiers' Orphans of Scotland.



A crowd estimated at over 5,000 people viewed the parade and witnessed the ceremonies. The parade, forming at the Normal School and proceeding to Middle Spring, was very colorful amid gay decorations lining the roadway. The Carlisle Indian School Band in red uniforms, and the Scotland School Band in blue, the bright regalia of the Sons of Veterans, the twelve soldiers in full Continental uniform, and thirteen young ladies, representing the original colonies, dressed in white and carrying flags, made a pretty scene, not soon to be forgotten.

Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, a number of state officials with him, and the Carlisle Indian School Band arrived by train in Shippensburg at noon and were greeted by a throng of people. Proceeding in the parade to Middle Spring, Governor Pennypacker, Hon. John Stewart, President Judge of Franklin County, and the Rev. Dr. Henry C. McCook, former pastor of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, and others, including a trained choir of select voices, participated in the dedication ceremonies of the imposing monument erected to the memory of the fallen heroes who sleep in the cemeteries adjoining the Middle Spring Church.

This tablet, also erected by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for which an appropriation of \$1,000 was made in 1907, has inscribed thereon the names of one hundred forty-one soldiers . . . "from bounds of Middle Spring Church who fought in wars of Colonial, Revolutionary, 1812 and 1846." This number is only a small portion of the 800 names said to be entitled to this honor, the size of the tablet being insufficient.

A beautiful sunrise, and the booming of cannon at 6 A. M. on Saturday, September 17, 1910, ushered in another "big day" at Middle Spring. A parade, led by the Strasburg and Newburg bands, and the Chambersburg corps, formed on the hill at the Means farm and marched around the old and new graveyards. Assisting the chief marshal were eight young men of the church: Walter Lindsay, Donald Maclay, Frank Shoop, Harry Burk, William E. McCune, Alonza Sommerville, Clarence Chamberlin, and Roy (Rolla) Mellinger. During the parade the cannon was fired at intervals of four minutes, and after the tablet was un-

veiled by Elizabeth McCune, Margaret Hykes, James Means, and Robert Maclay, the cannon was fired four times in honor of the four wars which the tablet represents. At each graveyard, a salute was fired in honor of the dead who are buried there.

Participating in the dedication with the pastor, Rev. S. S. Wylie, who presided, were State Librarian Thomas Lynch Montgomery, Congressman B. K. Focht, James Steese of Mt. Holly, and John S. Orr and David Spear of Chambersburg.

As in 1905, thirteen young ladies in white, carrying flags, represented the original colonies. They were: Bertha Detwiler, Grace Burk, Olie Maclay, Bessie Rhodes, Veda Lindsay, Mary Linn, Janet Means, Mary Hays, Mamie Martin, Liberty McClelland, Mary Mickey, Ellen McCulloch, and Mary Sommerville.

A crowd estimated at 3,000 attended the dedication which was described as one of the most enjoyable and patriotic events which Middle Spring ever experienced.

The Civil War monument (shown at right), bears the inscriptions: "Erected by friends and patriots," "Our Fallen Patriots," "The Price of Liberty," and "Our Trust is in God," and the names of twelve soldiers from Middle Spring who died in the Civil War. Many others also served who survived to return home, a century ago.

The centennial of the Civil War is being observed even as this church commemorates the 225th anniversary of its founding.

World War I veterans, having at the time or in later years some connection with Middle Spring, are mentioned here, inasmuch as no plaque has, as yet, been erected in their honor: Walter F. Brake, William T. Crawford, Clyde L. Mellinger, Wendell M. Shoop.





Following World War II a bronze tablet was placed in the narthex of the church which bears the name of one young soldier, Ralph S. Stouffer, who made the supreme sacrifice, and the names of thirty-nine others from the Middle Spring area who served in the armed forces.

For those (three in number in 1963) who, in the space age of international tension, serve their country, at home and abroad, by land, by sea, or in the air, the congregation at Middle Spring prays that they, and their comrades, may be protected, assisted, and preserved in all perils, and may do their duty to the honor and glory of the Eternal God by whose power our fathers won their liberties of old.

For ourselves, and our hope as American Christians in a new world community, we take to heart the splendid words from the Second Inaugural Address of President Dwight D. Eisenhower which he so kindly autographed for our 225th anniversary:

"Before all else, we seek, upon our common labor as a nation, the blessings of Almighty God . . . .

"May we pursue the right — without self-righteousness.

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## *Middle Spring Hymn*

Eva Wylie Polk (1938)

Dundee (1615)

Written for the Two Hundredth Anniversary in 1938 and read at memorial services for Mrs. Polk in 1962, the use of this hymn is becoming traditional at memorial and anniversary services. The tune, "Dundee," from the Scottish Psalter (1615) may have had an earlier origin in the Protestant Europe of John Calvin.

Almighty God, whose guiding hand  
Stretched out across the sea,  
And bore our fathers to this land  
For Christian liberty.

Our thankful hearts are lifted up,  
Our tongue extols Thy praise,  
For this, Thy overflowing cup  
Of undeserved days.

Here rose a host — like joyous larks,  
And all for Jesus' sake;  
Turn to the Lord with all their hearts,  
And His salvation take.

A new-found joy upon their face,  
The fruitage of new Birth;  
And thru the years by Gospel grace,  
A heaven begun on earth.

The God above, kept each man close,  
He heard the victors sing;  
To all these soldiers, give a toast;  
Brave men of Middle Spring.

## *The Graveyards*

The Lower graveyard, lying across the highway from the church on lower ground near the stream at Middle Spring, is especially interesting because of its connection with the long ago. Few of the early pioneers sleep in marked graves; the oldest slab legible in 1900 bore the date 1770. "The lower yard was used as a burial place from the earliest history of the church, and within its bosom is the dust of thousands, while in the four yards — Lower, Upper, Hanna's (at Newburg), and the Cemetery — it is estimated there have been seven thousand persons laid to rest. Surrounding the lower burial ground is a massive limestone wall, erected prior to 1805 and is yet (1900) in as perfect a state of preservation as though but recently built."—(Swope). In more recent years the elements have taken their toll, obliterating many inscriptions and rendering the wall in dire need of repair. Fortunately, there are those worthy descendants of noble ancestors who would consider themselves remiss if they did not show some interest in the preservation and care of these graveyards. May their number increase!

The Upper graveyard, on the hill at the rear of the then old stone church, was made necessary at the dawn of the nineteenth century by the need for a more extended burial place. A limestone wall, corresponding with that around the lower yard, was built in 1842, at a cost of \$800, to enclose the upper graveyard. This yard has received its last interment and is completely filled.

Anticipating this eventuality, the Cemetery was laid out in May, 1890, on a tract of land, at the northeast corner of the church grove, which was deeded to the church by William Duncan McCune. Even this burial ground is now filling and the sale of lots is restricted.

The organization of a Middle Spring Cemetery and Historical Association is contemplated soon. Such an association, under the incorporation of the church as it is now chartered, is thought feasible in order to secure and make available additional burial ground and to provide for perpetual care. Such a project, now under study, will require additional capital funds. A new development of this kind will tend to preserve interest in and assure better care of all of the graveyards. Experience in the last quarter century has demonstrated how quickly these sacred acres can lose their well-groomed appearance and revert to wilderness. Against this there are those on the scene at this juncture in the church's long history who are dedicating hours of persistent effort in order that the rich heritage of Middle Spring may not go unattended. May there ever be those so dedicated and may their number increase!



## *The Century-Old Sanctuary*

Built in 1847 on the site of the old stone church, the present sanctuary was originally 60 x 42 feet, similar in construction to the existing Rocky Spring Church, with doors at both ends and a high pulpit. John Moodey, D.D., the first pastor to occupy this pulpit, offered the dedicatory prayer. In 1858, during the pastorate of Isaac Newton Hays, D.D., the edifice was enlarged by the addition of twelve feet at the south end, providing the vestibule, the prayer meeting room above, and the tower. Again, in 1871, this same house of worship was remodeled; the walls were raised, the pulpit was lowered, the gallery taken away, the upstairs room enlarged, and the interior frescoed and carpeted "in a modern and admirable manner". The interior and exterior appearance of the building at the turn of the century, after repairs done in the 1890's, is shown by photographs now in the church museum.

During the pastorate of James B. Crawford, 1921 was an important year in accounting for the appearance now familiar for over forty years. During that summer, while services were held in the school house, extensive changes took place. Stained glass memorial windows were installed, painting and frescoing, and the picture on the wall of "Christ's Ascension" were all done by C. Day Rudy Co., Harrisburg. New pews, secured from Canton, Ohio, were also installed and arranged with a center aisle. This improvement cost over \$4,000. The church was rededicated, free of debt, on Sunday, October 30, 1921, with Dr. Thomas Ferguson of Silver Spring preaching the sermon and Dr. S. S. Wylie offering the dedicatory prayer.

A fire in December, 1937, caused by a defective flue pipe in the furnace, under the vestibule, threatened to destroy the church. Only the good work of the fire company and volunteers saved the structure. However, as a result, by necessity, the sanctuary was repaired, recarpeted, redecorated, and beautiful for the celebration of the bi-centennial in June, 1938. While the work was being done, services were held in the Middle Spring Grange Hall.

On Easter, 1939, the congregation dedicated the Harriet Wylie Stewart Memorial Organ in loving memory of this beloved daughter of the church and manse, who was on the faculty of Shippensburg State College for thirty-two years, and for over forty years was in charge of the children's work in this church. She was the author of "History of the Cumberland Valley". Always faithful, generous in her gifts, and loyal, her passing in January, 1936, left many of her plans for her church on earth unfulfilled. One of her cherished dreams was to see erected a building for the Christian education of children and young people. She would have rejoiced in the present movement fulfilling her dream.

The sanctuary was again redecorated and an acoustical ceiling installed early in 1950. Later the same year, memorial chimes in memory of John A. Bingham (1861-1942) were added to the organ. Amplified from the tower, on occasion, hymn tunes chime across the countryside an angelus to prayer. Memorial chandeliers were given by Mrs. Henry R. Todd and her daughter in 1953. These improvements took place during the pastorate of Warren Scott Reeve.

As the 225th anniversary is being celebrated, definite plans for renovating the sanctuary are included in the over-all project involving the construction of a new Christian education building in the near future.



The century-old Sanctuary, entrance and connecting  
The Christian Education Building and Foyer designed  
in consultation with the Building Committee and

Artist's Sketch in 1963 by McGehee

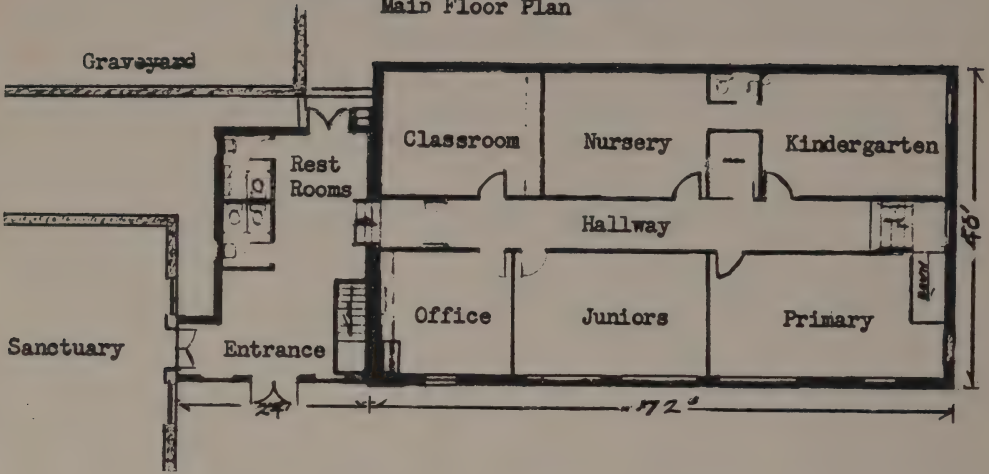




MIDDLE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ating Foyer, and Christian Education Building  
igned by Alfred E. Henson, Shippensburg, Pa.  
and Stanley P. Wall, Consulting Engineer.  
Gemmill, Chambersburg, Pa.

**The Middle Spring Church  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BUILDING  
Main Floor Plan**



In general outline, the plans show an attractive design in harmony with the graceful lines of the old edifice, rising at the peak of the roof only a few feet above the eaves of the existing building, and extending eastwardly 96' at a right angle from the edge of the second window nearest the choir. The sanctuary is left unchanged, except for the opening of a required exit; the beautiful memorial windows all unobstructed.

The new structure is of brick-faced, economical concrete block, fireproof construction. The main building, 40' x 72', has two floors. On the main floor are classrooms for nursery and kindergarten (with adjoining toilet facilities), primary, and junior classes of the children's department, an all-purpose meeting room, and a church office. On the basement level, a fellowship hall (with post-free area 38' x 40', seating 160 comfortably at tables), kitchen, and foyer (usable as a smaller dining room), are provided. A vestibule area, 24' x 32', connecting the present sanctuary with the Christian Education Building, provides the required outside exits, and includes centrally-located rest rooms. The over-all plans provide for the renovation of the interior of the existing sanctuary, including new flooring and carpeting, redecorating, and the installation of a central heating system, housed in required fire-resistant sub-basement, capable of serving the entire church plant with zone-controlled heat. At the extreme East end of the new structure an entrance opens at ground level under a canopy where a driveway allows convenient, all-weather access to the entire facilities.

Note: These are preliminary plans and are subject to revision.

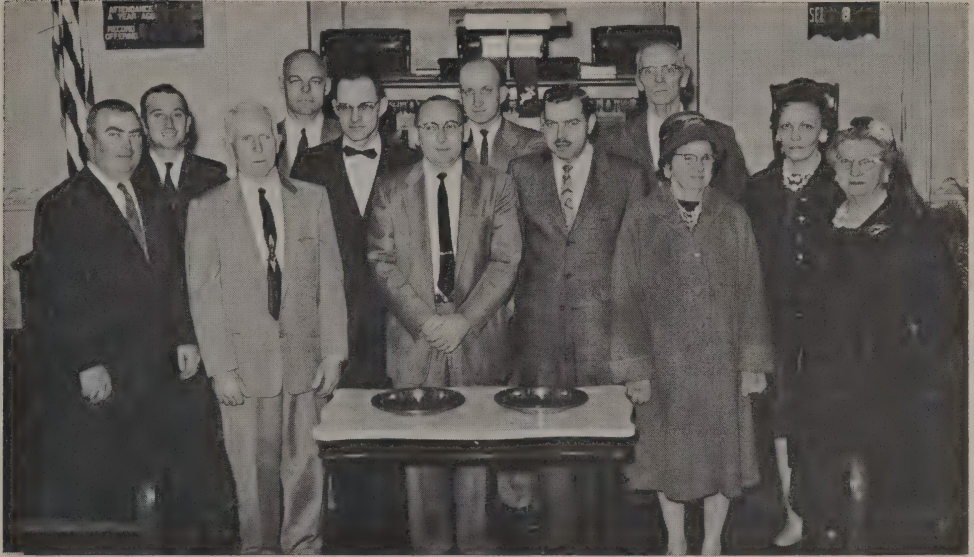
**Basement Floor Plan**





# *The Building Council*

David B. Russell and A. Kurtz Handshew, Co-Chairmen



REAR: Albert Chamberlin, Mr. Ott, Adam Chamberlin.

MIDDLE: Mr. Groce, Mr. Loy, Mr. Handshew, Mrs. Russell.

FRONT: Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Means, Mr. Russell, Mrs. Means, Mrs. Fogelsanger.

## THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

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## *Intention to Build*

The Middle Spring congregation at the quarter century is not about to turn back on a course forged out of the wilderness by "Pioneers, and Builders". With courage, this people has a Spirit-fed intention to build!

The intention to build led the congregation in September, 1961, to authorize the appointment of a Building Committee and a Building Fund Committee, which together form the Building Council. A year later, in November, 1962, after careful study, preliminary plans were presented.

In the preparation of these plans the Building Committee participated, step by step, working out ideas, in close cooperation with the Committee on Christian Education. The Board of Christian Education of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. has provided an excellent manual. The personnel of the Synod Staff (especially Donald M. Hall, William

R. Yingling, and Paul D. Wells) has given valuable guidance and encouragement, and Hamlin G. Tobey (Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia) has carefully studied and favorably evaluated our plans.

The new structure has been designed by Alfred E. Henson of Shipensburg, largely as a kindness to our church. Mel Gemmill of Chambersburg prepared the attractive artistic sketch in a gesture of friendship. Stanley P. Wall has given valuable assistance as consulting engineer. Our church has been most fortunate in receiving the help of these friends.

The working plans have been drawn, as directed by the congregation in February, 1963, and have received the approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, Buildings Division of the Bureau of Inspection.

The intention to give is being strongly indicated in the congregation and among the friends of the Middle Spring church. Of the conservative estimate of \$50,000 needed to provide the cost of basic construction, approximately one half of that amount is in sight, as of July, 1963.

In the spirit of the prayer (which follows) we have faith in God and confidence that there may be hope of breaking ground even in this 225th year.

## *A Prayer*

### LAYING THE SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS OF A NEW CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BUILDING

Into the counsel of Thy most holy will, O blessed Lord God, do Thou mercifully receive the plans, developed under the guidance of Thy spirit, for the construction of a new Christian education building and the renovation of the existing venerable sanctuary of the Middle Spring Church.

May it please Thee, O Lord, we earnestly pray, to bring these plans to fulfillment.

Inspire us as a people, faithfully, to do whatever is needful, according to our blessings and ability, giving ourselves and our substance cheerfully, to provide for the spiritual development of our children and the future of the old church we all love.

Enable us to trust Thee fully to provide for our own necessities of life, for the continuing program of Thy church from year to year, and more especially now, we implore Thee, out of Thy bounty, to make available the funds, materials, workmanship, and every needed assistance, to complete the challenging task in which, we firmly believe, Thou art leading us.

May all that is planned, and all that, in due time, is accomplished, be dedicated to Thy glory, to the blessed memory of those who have gone before us, and to the growth in Christ of all who follow after us.

All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and for His sake.

Amen.





### CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Eva M. Means, Superintendent (Primary teacher), Margaret M. Loy (Kindergarten), Agnes M. Chamberlin (Nursery), Frances H. Chamberlin (Nursery Roll), Julia Ann Browell and Virginia D. Swartz (Nursery Care). Note the crowded conditions prevailing each Sunday in the room over the vestibule.

The above picture is the first of a series which follows on succeeding pages. The series is intended to depict the people of the Middle Spring congregation, children, young people, and adults, on the scene at this quarter-century year. The photographs, so kindly taken by Glenn W. Mellinger, are of those present at the mid-winter rally, Sunday, February 10, 1963.

## *The Church Must Teach*

In the summer of 1855 the first Sabbath school was organized in the Middle Spring church, with Samuel Wherry as superintendent. The room over the vestibule was not then in existence, since the addition at the church front came in 1858. At first, this room was referred to as "the prayer-meeting room" and it was from this time that prayer meetings were held in this church. In 1871 this room, also called the "lecture room", was enlarged, and it is possible that from this date, or earlier, the children have been climbing the stairs for Sunday school in what has become known as their room. Here Harriet Wylie Stewart, before her W. D. Means, and with and after them other faithful teachers have left an indelible impression in the lives of growing children who have learned through song and Bible story the simple gospel truth, "Jesus loves me." Many are the memories of childhood cherished by a host of Middle Spring people in association with this room and the warmth of kindness they absorbed there.

Today the church is moving forward in its emphasis on the importance of Christian education as an indispensable function in which the entire congregation has inescapable responsibility. The Sunday church school, the vacation church school, and all other phases of the



### VESTIBULE SCENE

Shows crowded single stairway to the upper room and congestion inevitable between church school and morning worship, with choir waiting to don robes upstairs.

training program for all ages, is the church at work, teaching, teaching . . . constantly teaching. For the church must teach, or die!

The current issue concerning Bible reading and prayer in the public schools only serves to increase our awareness of the definite, unique educational responsibility and redemptive function which rests squarely upon the church as the people of God. The comment of an experienced educator is to the point: "Church leaders cannot have a Sunday school organization which fails to meet its own objectives, including moral and religious education, and expect the public schools to do indirectly what it has failed to do directly."—Dr. Harry L. Kriner.

We face a serious challenge. That facilities for Christian education are needed is without contradiction after one look at the congestion in the children's department and the single stairway leading to the room where they meet over the vestibule. The only other room we have is the sanctuary, and eight classes are taught there simultaneously! Moreover, Middle Spring has the dubious distinction of being the only church we know of in these parts still with an old outhouse. Not to keep pace with modern developments in comfort facilities is more than unsanitary. But, for a church like ours not to meet the requirements for more adequate Christian education facilities, and for the fellowship of its people of all ages, is a worse folly. To neglect, or refuse, to meet the challenge is to align one's self with the forces that subtly destroy the church even more devastatingly than to take it apart brick by brick.





THE JUNIORS

Their place of meeting, the rear pews on one side of the sanctuary, amidst the distractions of seven other classes being taught in the same room, the Junior girls and boys, nevertheless, appear to give rapt attention to their teacher, Levi G. Groce. In the picture, left to right, are: FRONT—Mr. Groce, Christine Rosenberry, Brenda Rosenberry, Patricia Mowers, Linda Maclay, Marjorie Maclay, Linda Myers, Jolynn Byers; REAR—Carl Dunbar, Kenneth Dunbar, Wilbur Chamberlin, Fred Chamberlin, Clinton Arnold, Daniel Coover.

## *Once in a Hundred Years*

Not since 1847 has the challenge of a major building program confronted the Middle Spring congregation. A once in a lifetime opportunity is squarely before the one hundred eighty members now on the scene. A hundred years ago the necessity of parting with the old stone church, many had come to venerate, forced the question which, apparently, no one in those days would tolerate, "Shall we disband, or build?" They built! Today nothing visible is about to be torn down. In fact, no change in the existing structure, not required by the State Building Code for safety in public buildings, is planned. Except for opening a double doorway between the two east windows nearest the choir the church is essentially untouched, and the windows themselves remain unobstructed. Today the challenge is to add something new and greatly needed, in order to keep what we have, and to grow. The question is the same, but more subtle.

The great themes of the Christian faith and life curriculum, "Jesus Christ", "the Bible", and "the Church", and the excellent material now available as tools for effective teaching, are in the hands of Middle Spring teachers and parents. For the use of these materials to the best advantage, adequate space is required. According to widely accepted standards, the minimum floor space needed per child ranges from 30 sq. ft. for the nursery age to 20 sq. ft. per child for the primary and junior ages, and 15 sq. ft. per person for young people, as over against a minimum of 8 sq. ft. per adult person. Our children

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## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



### JUNIOR HI CLASS

Donald S. Mellinger, teacher, meets Junior-Hi class behind the piano at the front of the sanctuary. Who's who? Left to right: Janice Chamberlin, Brenda Kay Chamberlin, Glenda Mellinger (Lemoyne), Christine Lehman, Richard Loy, David Chamberlin, Jeffery Chamberlin, Richard Mowers, James Mowers, Mr. Mellinger, Michael Stitt, William McCulloch, Jeffrey Loy.

"One of the richest legacies which the Middle Spring church has bequeathed to the world and one of the striking features of her history, is the number and worth of her sons in the ministry." —Dr. Wylie.



### SENIOR HI CLASS

David S. Russell, teacher, and Senior-Hi's make a circle with choir chairs in full view of other classes. For the record, left to right: Crist Coover, Jerry Groce, Ray Diehl, Mr. Russell, Lynn Magee, Dick McCulloch, Judy Diehl, Joyce Swartz, Carol Russell, Judy Dunlap (Newburg), and Barbara Stitt.



## THE ADULTS

The Adult department of the church school meets in the sanctuary. On Sunday, February 10, 1963, at a mid-winter rally, the two women's classes were combined, as were the two men's classes, each group with a guest teacher.



### THE WOMEN'S CLASSES

Isabel W. McCurdy and James Q. Means, teachers  
Mrs. C. P. Humer, of Carlisle, guest teacher



### THE MEN'S CLASSES

W. Elmer Umbrell and Harold G. Loy, teachers  
Legrand Baughman, of Carlisle, guest teacher

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deserve better than the less than 8 sq. ft. per child provided in the upstairs room. Other churches in the Valley have left the old church at Middle Spring far behind in building more adequately for Christian education. "Once in a hundred years" — it's time to catch up.

## *Men to Remember*

ROBERT CHAMBERS, perhaps the first settler at Middle Spring on land in the vicinity of the James Q. Means farm, was one of four brothers coming to the Valley on or before 1730. Benjamin and Joseph were early settlers at Falling Spring, which became Chambersburg; James settled at Big Spring.

ALLEN KILLOUGH, JOHN McKEE, DAVID HERRON, JOHN REYNOLDS were elders in 1742; JOHN FINLEY, WILLIAM ANDERSON, ROBERT McCOMB, and JOHN MACLAY were all ordained by or before 1747 and served on the session with JOHN BLAIR, early pastor, who later became Professor of Divinity at Princeton College, New Jersey. There is little doubt but that they all, with their families, and other settlers, suffered severe harassment from hostile Indians and were driven back from the frontier in about the year 1755.

JOHN MACLAY, HUGH ALEXANDER, and HUGH McCORMICK, three wise and patriotic men from Middle Spring, were among the nine deputies representing Cumberland county in the Provincial Conference of 1776.

ROBERT COOPER, patriotic Revolutionary pastor, was a Chaplain in the Revolutionary army, was in 1775 chosen moderator of the united Synods of New York and Philadelphia, was a commissioner to the first General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 1789, and many subsequent meetings of the General Assembly between 1791 and 1804.

WILLIAM LINN, oldest son of Wm. Linn, an elder in Middle Spring Church, was born Feb. 27, 1752, graduated from Princeton College in 1772, studied theology under his pastor, Dr. Robert Cooper, was ordained, and served as Chaplain in the Revolutionary Army. He became pastor of the Big Spring Church (1777-1784), served churches in Elizabethtown, N. J., and New York City, and was chosen the first chaplain to Congress, May, 1789.

HUGH BRADY was the first of the family from Enniskillen, Ireland, to settle on the Conodoguinet Creek. Of his grandsons, CAPTAIN SAMUEL BRADY was the famous Indian fighter, hero of the James Fenimore Cooper stories, and GENERAL HUGH BRADY, who had served under the command of General Anthony Wayne, later during the war of 1812 attained great eminence and was distinguished for gallantry at Chippewa and other battles on the northern frontier. Of him General Scott said: "God never made a better man nor a better soldier."

FRANCIS HERRON, son of David Herron\*, a highly regarded ruling elder in the Middle Spring Church, was born at "Herron's Branch" June 28, 1774. He graduated from Dickinson College in 1794, studied theology under his pastor, Dr. Robert Cooper, was ordained and installed pastor of the Rocky Spring Church April 9, 1800, where he remained until he became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, in 1811. Dr. Herron, with Dr. Swift, and Dr. David Elliott, was instrumental in the establishment of Western Theological Seminary in Allegheny. Dr. Herron, son of Middle Spring, was chosen Moderator of the General Assembly in 1827.

\* (The story is told of David Herron that his excuse to his pastor, Dr. Cooper, for absenting himself and family from divine worship one Sabbath, was the reading of the lengthy 119th Psalm in family worship.)



JOHN WHERRY, son of Samuel Wherry, graduated from Princeton College and Seminary, was ordained at Middle Spring March 16, 1864, sailed for China in May and reached Shanghai in November the same year. His translation of the Scriptures into Chinese was a notable contribution to Christian missions.

ALEXANDER P. KELSO, graduated from Washington and Jefferson College and Princeton Theological Seminary, was ordained by the Presbytery of Carlisle August 11, 1869, and sailed in September of that year as a missionary to India. Of his sons, the late James Anderson Kelso, Ph.D., former president of Western Theological Seminary, and Alexander P. Kelso, Jr., Ph.D., professor emeritus of Louisville Theological Seminary, the latter, now living in Memphis, Tenn., sends Hymn-books and a greeting in recognition of our 225th anniversary.

### THE MIDDLE SPRING MILL

Middle Spring Creek rises in South Mountain. Its headquarters forming the stream below Shippensburg, it flows along a winding course to empty into Conodoguinet Creek at the site of the old James Piper mill. Along the five miles of its length there were, at one time; according to John G. Orr, as many as twenty-five mills, which he specifically mentions in his paper "Early Grist Mills of Lurgan Township". The great flood of April, 1857, swept away every dam on Middle Spring from its head to its mouth.

In 1866, Shryock Bros., with offices and warehouse in Philadelphia, erected the Middle Spring Mill for the manufacture of paper boards of all kinds. The plant, as the photograph taken from an old newspaper shows, was quite large for the time. On July 4, 1898, this mill was struck by lightning and totally destroyed. This disastrous fire also destroyed two nearby dwellings, rendering four families homeless, and deprived 35 men of the means of earning a living. A strong wind filled the air with burning and charred paper and other particles. A shock of wheat was set afire in a field half a mile away. Many buildings near the mill were threatened. Fortunately, the church was not damaged. A man, stationed in the tower was kept busy extinguishing burning embers. What was only a few days before a scene of bustling activity and industry became a scene of ruin and desolation.



MIDDLE SPRING MILLS

Timbers from the old dam breast, still imbedded in the Middle Spring stream, are all that remain of a landmark only a few people in the area are able to identify.

The Middle Spring Light and Power Co. (incorporated in 1904 by John Hosfeld of Shippensburg) built a concrete dam and operated a power plant on the site of the old paper mill. Taken over by the Pennsylvania Electric Co. in 1928 the plant was later dismantled and the dam drained about 1940.

### THE GLEBE

"On the 27th of May, 1767, there was surveyed and sold to Francis Campbell, Robert Chambers, William Duncan, and John Maclay a tract of land situated in Hope-well township, Cumberland county, Penna., called "Mount Hope." This tract of land was in the shape of a wedge, the head extended along the Middle Spring, beyond the graveyard, and the sharp point reached almost to Means' run in the direction of Shippensburg. It contained forty-nine acres, a hundred and ten perches . . . The patent bears the date Sept. 17, 1790, and in Nov. 1793, the above mentioned men deeded the land to the trustees of the Middle Spring Church.

"Sixteen of the original forty-nine acres of the Glebe lands are now (1900) in possession of the Middle Spring congregation."

—"History of Middle Spring Presbyterian Church" — Belle McK. Hays Swope.

## THE SESSION — TRUSTEES

Rea Andrew Warner, Moderator

Donald S. Mellinger, Clerk

John O. Maclay, Chairman—Trustees



REAR: Chalmers P. Means, Levi G. Groce, Mr. Mellinger, Mr. Maclay, Harold G. Loy, Adam R. Chamberlin, A. Kurtz Handsheaw, Paul G. Swartz.

FRONT: Grace B. Fogelsanger, Catherine M. Creamer, David B. Russell, Mr. Warner, Frances C. McCulloch, Carrie L. Fortna — D. Harry Rhone (not in picture).

## THE SESSION

The session bears full administrative responsibility for the work and worship of the local church in our representative, Presbyterian form of government.

In accordance with our by-laws, elders are now being elected to serve also as trustees, so that more unified consideration is possible for all phases of the church program, both spiritual and corporate.

Committees of the session are appointed annually in each of the following areas of concern in the mission of the church: Worship, Sacraments, and Music; Evangelism; and Membership; Stewardship and Mission Interpretation; Christian Education; Finance and Property; and Budget.

Assignments to the committees, which include all elders-trustees, and many members coopted from the congregation, are made annually.

Each committee aims to pursue a course of study relevant to its work and to develop specific objectives within the mission of the church, makes regular reports and recommendations to the session, and functions otherwise as directed by the session.

## THE CHARTER AND BY-LAWS

An Act of Legislature incorporating the Congregation of Middle Spring was signed by Governor Thomas Mifflin March 7, 1792, and enrolled in the Rolls Office in Law Book No. 4, pages 289-94. The following persons were named as trustees: John Heap, John McKee, John Woods, John McComb, David Mahan, John Maclay, Jr., John Herron, William Scott, Robert Culbertson, David McKnight, Richard Rodgers, and Matthew Henderson.

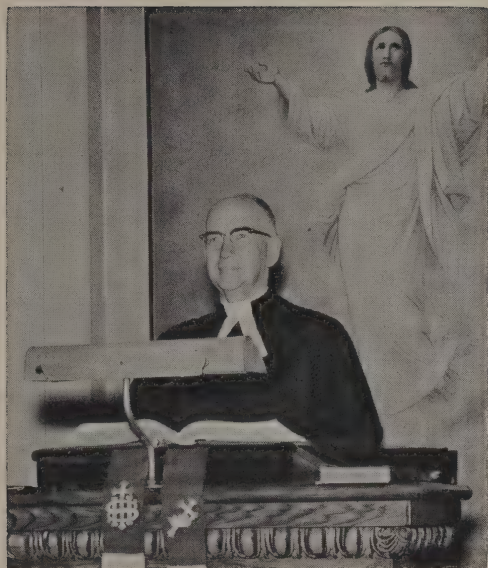
In January, 1963, the charter was amended, and with the original charter included, was recorded in the Cumberland County Court House.

The Middle Spring Church, as a congregation and a corporation, operates and is governed as one body under one set of by-laws adopted November 29, 1961.

## OUR COMMON CALLING

The church's ministry, involving all members in every area of the form and order of its work and worship, purposes to be a vital, interwoven unity of response to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.





The pastor having the honor to serve in a succession of distinguished ministers at the time of the 200th anniversary and again at the 225th anniversary is — Rea Andrew Warner —

son of Harvey J. and Mary Alice (Whittelsey) Warner, born in Fairview, Erie Co., Pa., educated in the public schools of Erie, Pa., graduated from Erie Academy High School in 1921, from Oberlin College with A.B. degree in 1925, from Oberlin Graduate School of Theology with B.D. degree in 1929, ordained by the Presbytery of Huntington, October 7, 1929, pastor of Presbyterian Parish of Shirlleysburg, Orbisonia, Shade Gap, and Neelyton 1929-36, Middle Spring 1936-45, Laboratory Church, Washington, Pa., 1945-57, associate minister in pastoral care, Calvary Church, Indiana, Pa., 1957-60, installed April 27, 1960 in second pastorate at Middle Spring, married Fern N. Overdorff in May, 1927, three children, Edward Whittelsey, Margaret Alice, and David Rea.



### THE MANSE

Built in 1855, during the pastorate of Isaac Newton Hays, D.D., for a total cost, including land repurchased, of \$4,000, the manse has, through the years thus far, been home to the families of eight ministers and the scene of innumerable gatherings and weddings. The latest renovation, in 1960, improved the comfort and beauty of the interior, and added an attached garage and screened porch at the rear.

The grounds of the manse, churchyard, and cemeteries are so improved in appearance that Middle Spring is becoming one of the beauty spots of the Cumberland Valley.

## OUR COMMUNICANT MEMBERS IN THE 225TH YEAR

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## MIDDLE SPRING CHURCH

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Founded 1738 by pioneer  
Scotch-Irish Presbyterians.  
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at the old cemetery which is  
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1847; parsonage built, 1855.

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